(a) to (d) The provisional rate of royalty on crude oil is Rs. 850 per MT with effect from 1.12.1999. Government had constituted a Committee to devise a new scheme of royalty on crude oil with effect from 1.4.1998. The Committee has submitted its Report to the Government on 26.11.2001, which is being examined by the Government. At present, royalty on crude oil is being collected by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Tripura.

Import of petroleum products

†1745. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petroleum products imported in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the target fixed for import of petroleum products in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that import of petroleum products is going to be increased; and

(d) if so, the ratio of increase during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The details of petroleum products imported during the last three years, year-wise is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The estimated imports of petroleum products during the Tenth Five Year Plan are as under:

(Figs. TMT)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
LPG	1275	1587	1539	2430	3391
FO/LSHS	487	1200	3223	4920	5611

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(Figs. TMT)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
LOBS	369	348	386	463	539

*TMT: Thousand Metric Tonnes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

Statement

Import of Petroleum Products

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
	Qty '000' Tonnes	Qty '000' Tonnes	Qty '000' Tonnes
1	2	3	4
Product Imports			
Public Sector			
LPG	1,525	1,390	674
Petrol	251	—	—
Aviation Petrol	3	1	0.7
Kerosene	5,421	5,144	1,606
Aviation Turbine Fuel	—	—	—
Diesel	10,231	5,006	—
Naphtha/NGL	168	230	340
Fuel Oil/LSHS	490	503	378
P. Wax	—	—	—
Lobs	—	38	8
Public Sector	**18,089**	**12,313**	**3,007**
Private Sector			
LPG	197	197	179
Naphtha/NGL	2,239	1,687	2,825
Kerosene	1,644	1,168	312

1	2	3	4
Fuel Oil/LSHS	1,206	874	1,350
Lubes/Others	396	369	1,594
Private Sector	**5,682**	**4,295**	**6,260**
Total Product Imports	**23,771**	**16,608**	**9,267**
Exports			
MS	—	131	1,202
Naphtha/NGL	720	583	2,882
ATF	—	—	160
HSD	—	—	1,597
FO/LSHS	—	—	508
Others	—	32	2,016
Total Exports	**720**	**746**	**8,365**
Net Imports of Products	**23,051**	**15,861**	**902**

Science City in Gujarat

1746. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has sent any proposals to Government for setting up of Science City Project;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the amount of funds/assistance released by Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A memorandum for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has been circulated amongst various agencies for appraisal. Funds can be released only after the project is approved.